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SUBJ: KAUNDA CALLS ON MOBUTU TO ACCOMMODATE "LOST BROTHERS"

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1. AFTER RECEIVING THE CREDENTIALS OF THE NEW ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE, MWENDA M'SIRI MUKANDA-BANTU AT STATE HOUSE, MARCH 23, PRESIDENT KAUNDA CALLED ON PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO COME TOGETHER WITH THOSE WHO HAVE INVADED SHABA AND SEEK AN ACCOMMODATION. AN ACCOMMODATION IS NECESSARY SINCE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE INVADERS OF SHABA CANNOT REPLACE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE WHICH HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE. KAUNDA DESCRIBED THE KATANGESE GENDARMES AS "LOST BROTHERS". KAUNDA ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SHABA CAN BE RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: WE DO NOT SEE KAUNDA'S REMARKS AS INDICATING ANY SUBSTANTIAL SHIFT IN THE GRZ APPROACH TO SHABA DEVELOPMENTS. GRZ OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN STILL REFLECT A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE TOWARDS SHABA. THEY EITHER ARE NOT CONVINCED, OR DON'T WANT TO ADMIT THAT CUBANS OR SOVIETS ARE INVOLVED IN ORDER NOT TO COMPLICATE THE SITUATION. FOR THEM THE TERM FOREIGN MERCENARIES RECALL IMAGES OF BELGIANS LEADING THE KATANGANS

INTO SHABA IN 1967. THEY PREFER TO THINK OF THE INTERVENTION FROM ANGOLA AS ESSENTIALLY AS INTERNAL ZAIRIAN AFFAIR. THIS IS REFLECTED IN KAUNDA'S COMMENT ABOUT THE KATANGANESE BEING "LOST BROTHERS." ZAMBIAN HOPES THAT THE WHOLE SITUATION WOULD SIMPLY GO AWAY WERE RAISED BY ZAIRIAN PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FAZ SUCCESSES AGAINST THE INVADERS AND THE LACK OF MOVEMENT BY THE KATANGANS.

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